

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Project No.: PIP 12B

FY 2004-2005 SCOPE OF WORK for:

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – Capital Improvement Projects

Lead Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

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Category:

Source:

- ☐ Ongoing project
☒ Ongoing-revised project
☐ Requested new project
☐ Unsolicited proposal

Expected Funding

- ☐ Annual funds
☒ Capital funds
☐ Other (explain)

I. Title of Proposal: Coordination of public involvement related to:

Colorado River - Mainstem

Efficiency improvements to the Government Highline Canal as part of the Grand Valley Water Management Project–Continued work for the automation system to operate the recently constructed check structures. Construction of the pumping plant at Highline Lake is on hold pending resolution of issues raised by the Colorado Division of Parks and Recreation, managers of the state park. If we cannot reach an understanding for the use of Highline Lake, we will prepare an amended Grand Valley Water Management Environmental Assessment for an alternate site. Anticipate contract award in FY 02.

Restoring fish passage at the abandoned privately-owned Price-Stubb Dam–Reclamation distributed draft Environmental Assessment in April 99. Fish passage and a final environmental assessment will be finalized in FY 04 and a construction contract awarded in late FY 04.

Colorado River - Gunnison River

Reclamation continues to meet with Hartland Irrigation Company officials. A study of fish passage alternatives was completed September 2000. The Recovery Program is discussing the merits of fish passage at this structure.

Redlands Water and Power Company Fish Screen-A final EA will be completed in FY 04 and a construction contract awarded in late FY 04.

II. Strategies/Dates:

1. **Publications:** Produce and distribute news releases regarding where we are with the project(s); review draft and final environmental assessments and findings of no significant impacts, where appropriate; and newsletters when necessary. All publications to provide updated information to target audiences.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and Team Leader(s)

Completion Date: Ongoing

2. **Meetings:** Routinely meet with directly affected interests (water users) to discuss proposed project and gain mutual understanding and approval. Management staff regularly meets with local congressional staff to keep them up-to-date and aware of Recovery Program activities that Reclamation is involved with in the area. Meetings are also held at least yearly with the head of the local Club 20 organization to keep members informed of Recovery Program activities as well. Meetings are held with any public who may be, or think they may be, potentially affected by our Recovery Program activities.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and Project Team Leader(s)

Completion Date: Ongoing

3. **Tours.** Working with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Reclamation conducts tours of Recovery Program fish passages, grow-out ponds, fish screens, habitat restoration areas, etc.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and other Recovery Program participants

Completion Date: Ongoing

4. **News Media.** Provide support for the Information & Education Coordinator on Recovery Program Activities in the area on an as needed basis helping promote the Recovery Program. May include displaying Recovery Program materials, helping with tours, news articles, news releases, etc.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist

Completion Date: Ongoing

III. Budget (FY 2004-2005):

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| Labor (13 weeks for Public Involvement Specialist) | \$ 28,500 |
| Travel (Includes quarterly I&E Committee meetings) | \$ <u>1,500</u> |
| Total | \$ 30,000 (CAP funds) |

IV. Reviewers: Brent Uilenberg 970-248-0641

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